

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 105

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Cocke County High School's Red Regiment Marching Band for their recent invitation to march in the 2005 National Memorial Day Parade.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to honor those teams and programs that, through their extraordinary talents for performance, bring honor and acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Cocke County High School's Red Regiment Marching Band is one such program whose exemplary performances and reputation have culminated in both local and national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Washington D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and the World War II Dedication Committee have expressed their congratulations to the band for its many successes, and they have also extended an invitation to the band to represent the State of Tennessee in the 2005 National Memorial Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2005, the Cocke County High School's Red Regiment Marching Band, along with much-honored veterans and esteemed marching bands from across the 50 states, shall proudly march during the 3-hour parade, which has a regular attendance of more than 200,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the invitation to this renowned celebration of the proud men and women who so proudly serve this country is based on the many achievements of the Red Regiment, including their recent success at the Shelby Golden Classic Invitational as well as the band's bringing home the Grand Prize from the Nashville St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable students owe a great deal of their instruction and musical exposure to the constant and knowledgeable leadership of their Band Director, Pat Mason, who

has skillfully guided and instructed this group of exceptionally dedicated young men and women; he has also taught them the meaning of teamwork and the value of dedication to a common goal and one's colleagues; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Mason and Assistant Directors Chris Barrick and Michael Short in arranging and training these talented musicians, these young people will proudly represent the good people of Tennessee as they nobly proceed down the avenues of our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, the recent accomplishments of the Cocke County High School's Red Regiment Marching Band are extraordinary and far-reaching; it is fitting that we should pay tribute to these remarkable musicians for their hard work and many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Cocke County High School's Red Regiment Marching Band for their recent invitation to march in the 2005 National Memorial Day Parade and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.